

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 set forth in the September 4, 2007, Office Action, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claims 2-3 and 13. Claims 2-3 and 12-13 have been canceled.

Claim 1 is generic and has been narrowed to more specifically claim Applicants' invention. Applicants believe amended claim 1 distinguishes over the prior art and is allowable. Should the Examiner not find claim 1 to be allowable, Applicants provisionally elect for continued prosecution species I of Group A (pen-like or scalpel shaped) with species I of Group B (pinion gear) for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 10-11, 14, 15, 20, and 23-26 encompass the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to later file a divisional application directed to the non-elected, canceled claims.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should any questions arise during examination of this application.

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